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## Dept. of Human Services' Vocational Rehabilitation Program Honors Employees

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) recently honored several employees for their work assisting North Dakotans with disabilities to obtain employment.

- **Debra Carlson**, Jamestown, was the recipient of the *Director's Award for Counselor Achievement*. This award highlights the top 10 percent of counselors with the highest number of individuals placed into employment.
- **Christie Lazette**, Devils Lake, **Robert Hendrickson**, Fargo, and **Jennifer Moldenhauer**, Jamestown, were recipients of the *Director's Award for Counselor Achievement – Honorable Mention*. This award honors counselors who have the second highest number of individuals placed into employment.
- **Amanda Armstrong** of Minot was honored as the *Rookie of the Year*. This award honors a DVR employee with less than two years of service who exceeds performance goals and displays a high level of community service and involvement.
- **Cathy Bryce** of Devils Lake was honored with the *Director's Award for Excellence*. Cathy was nominated for this prestigious award by her peers for demonstrating dedication, productivity, and dependability to individuals with vision impairments to enhance their independent living and employment skills.
- **Minot DVR Office** was honored with the *VR Team Participation Award*. This award honors staff for their involvement in activities on behalf of Vocational Rehabilitation.

The *Career Achievement Awards* are based on the number of people with disabilities placed into employment over the course of a vocational rehabilitation counselor's career. The awards start at the *100 Club Award* level and increase in increments of 100.

- **Becky Hoff** of Dickinson and **Tanya Ide** of Minot received the *Career Achievement – 100 Club Award*.

The North Dakota Vocational Rehabilitation program's mission is to assist individuals with disabilities to maximize their employment opportunities and to assist business owners and employers in finding solutions to disability-related issues.

Information on vocational rehabilitation services is online at [www.nd.gov/dhs/dvr/index.html](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/dvr/index.html) and is also available by calling 701-328-8950, toll-free 800-755-2745, TTY 701-328-8968 or ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888.

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